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D(77)1 DATED 14 JAN 77, (C) AC/276-WP(77)3 DATED 18 MAR
77, (D) AC/276-WP(77)3(REVISED) DATED 7 APR 77

1. MBFR WORKING GROUP (WG) HAS ALREADY COMPILID A PAPER
LISTING KEY DOCUMENTS ON STABILIZING MEASURES AND ON
VERIFICATION, AIDE MEMOIRE (MBFR)-2-76, DATED 1 MARCH
1976 (PARA 3 REF A). WE WILL POUCH ADDITIONAL COPIES OF
THIS PAPER TO ACDA: ATTN: MR. MARVIN HUMPHREYS. THE ONLY
RELATED STUDY COMPLETED SINCE THAT TIME WAS THE
PAPER ON EXCEPTIONS REQUIRED FOR STRENGTH FLUCTUATIONS FOR
THE PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES (REF B).

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WG COULD COMPILE QUESTIONS AND/OR
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STATEMENTS ON DATA MADE BY EAST OR WEST IN VIENNA INTO
LISTS THAT WOULD BE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. THE WG IS
GENERALLY RESTRICTED TO WORKING ONLY FROM OFFICIAL NATO
DOCUMENTS. COMPLETE REPORTS OF INFORMAL
SESSIONS AS PREPARED BY USDEL MBFR VIENNA ARE NOT OFFI-
CIALLY CIRCULATED AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, THOUGH SEVERAL
DELEGATIONS RECEIVE THESE REPORTS THROUGH THEIR VIENNA

DELEGATIONS. THE ONLY OFFICIAL NATO RECORD OF INFORMAL MEETINGS IN VIENNA WHICH GOES TO ALL DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE FRENCH, IS A VERY BRIEF REPORT BY THE IMS REP IN VIENNA CIRCULATED AS AN IMS WORKING PAPER.

3. FOR THIS REASON, WHEN THE MBFR STAFF GROUP ATTEMPTED TO COMPILE LIST OF EASTERN STATEMENTS ON DATA IN ITS FIRST VERSION OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE ON COUNTING RULES (REF C), THE WG DECIDED THAT THE LACK OF COMPLETE OFFICIAL RECORDS ON NEGOTIATIONS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS MIGHT LEAD TO ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATIONS OF THOSE STATEMENTS, AND RECOMMENDED THE LISTS BE DROPPED FROM SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE (REF D).

4. IN ADDITION, SUCH A WG COMPILATION WOULD PROVIDE THE FRENCH FOR THE FIRST TIME AN OFFICIAL DETAILED RECORD OF DATA DISCUSSION IN VIENNA, AND WOULD GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT IN NAC AND SPC ON HOW AHG HANDLES SUCH QUESTIONS AS SIZE OF THE DISPARITY AND EXCLUSION OF FRENCH FORCES FROM THE DATA BASE. STREATOR

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